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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY FOR 1909.

*To the President and Members of the Columbia Historical  
Society, Greeting:*

The Recording Secretary submits the *Sixteenth Annual Report*, beginning with the 106th meeting, January 12, 1909, and ending with the 112th meeting, December 14, of the same year.

During the year the Society has admitted 37 new members, lost 9 by death, 5 by resignation and 4 through other causes, giving us 234 members on our roll.

The Board of Managers has held 8 meetings with an average attendance of 9 members. The Society has held 7 meetings in the Banquet Hall of The Shoreham, with an average attendance of about 85 members and guests.

Volume 12 of *The Records*, issued in 1909, contains 196 pages and 7 illustrations, one of the latter being a reproduction of the portrait, by Charles Willson Peale, of Francis Scott Key at the age of seventeen; and another, a characteristic portrait of the late Ainsworth Rand Spofford, LL.D., Vice-President of this Society from its organization to the time of his death.

An occurrence of national interest which the Society and its President were largely instrumental in bringing to pass, was the removal from "Green Hill," Prince George County, Maryland, of the remains of Major Pierre Charles L'Enfant, their lying in state in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol and their re-interment in Arlington National Cemetery with appropriate military honors. As a memento of that event, the Society now owns a gavel, the gift of its President, carved from a piece of the red cedar that marked the site of L'Enfant's grave at "Green Hill." To testify their appreciation, the Society has had a silver plate, suitably engraved, affixed to this unique gavel.



In closing, the Secretary takes great pleasure in mentioning that the project of having a room of our own in which our books, manuscripts, maps, etc., can be accessible to our members and other students of history, is at last taking definite shape and is being vigorously acted upon by the Committee on Building whose duty it is to secure suitable accommodations for the Society and its belongings.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY STEVENS BEALL,  
*Recording Secretary.*

January 11, 1910.